THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Financial allocation for development of National Highways has been increasing over the years.

(c) During last three years the budgetary allocation for development of National Highways were as under:

Year	Amount (Rs. in Crore)
2000-2001	4489.16
2001-2002	5060.60
2002-2003	5828.80

(d) Does not arise.

Road accidents in Himachal Pradesh

†2053. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the conversion of Highways into the National Highways has become necessary due to increasing incidents of road accidents in Himachal Pradesh during the last few years;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government are considering to upgrade the Highways of the above State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government to prevent the accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No, Sir. Road accident does not necessitate conversion of highways into National Highway.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) Ministry is providing cranes and ambulances to State Governments/NGOs under National Highway Accidents Relief Service Scheme. Other steps are providing grants-in-aid to voluntary organisations for administering road safety programme, carrying out publicity campaign on road safety, encouraging use of simulators in drivers training, tightening of fitness norms for transport vehicles etc.

National Highways in Assam

2054. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of damage done to the National Highways in Assam in the current spate of flood; and

(b) if so, what actions are going to be taken to rebuild the destroyed parts of National Highways in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. National Highway Network in the State of Assam has been affected due to flood at 32 locations. Immediate action has been taken by State, Public Works Department/Border Roads Organization to restore the connectivity.

National Highways passing through Karnataka

2055. SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Highways which passes through Karnataka;

(b) the number of districts that are covered by the National Highways;

(c) whether Government propose to cover the remaining districts of the Karnataka State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) 13 number of National Highways pass through Karnataka.